

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

95. (Three Times Amended) A method for controlling copyrights of digital data comprising the steps of:

supplying encrypted digital data from a database to a user;

in response to a request by said user to a key control center, supplying [at least one] a utilization permit key including a crypt key from the key control center to said user [, said utilization permit key being at least one of a display permit key, an edit permit key, a storage permit key, a copy permit key, and a transfer permit key];

decrypting said encrypted digital data into decrypted digital data using the crypt key and utilizing said decrypted digital data by said user; wherein

[displaying said decrypted digital data using said display permit key;

editing said decrypted digital data using said edit permit key;

storing said decrypted digital data using said storage permit key;

copying said decrypted digital data using said copy permit key; and

transferring said decrypted digital data using said transfer permit key]

said steps are managed respectively by a copyright control program.

111. (Three Times Amended) A method for controlling copyrights of digital data comprising the steps of:

supplying encrypted digital data from a database to a user;

in response to a request by said user to a key control center, supplying [at least one] a utilization permit key including a crypt key from the key control center to said user[, said utilization permit key being at least one of a display permit key, an edit permit key, a storage permit key, a copy permit key, and a transfer permit key];

decrypting said encrypted digital data into decrypted digital data using the crypt key and displaying and/or editing said decrypted digital data by said user

encrypting said decrypted digital data into again encrypted digital data using the crypt key by said user; and

storing, copying and/or transferring the again encrypted digital data, wherein

[displaying said decrypted digital data using said display permit key;

editing said decrypted digital data using said edit permit key;

encrypting said decrypted digital data using the crypt key and storing said encrypted digital data using said storage permit key;

encrypting said decrypted digital data using the crypt key and copying said encrypted digital data using said copy permit key; and

encrypting said decrypted digital using the crypt key data and transferring said encrypted digital data using said transfer permit key]

said steps are managed respectively by a copyright control program.

~~Sub 43~~ 427. (Three Times Amended) A method for controlling copyrights of digital data comprising the steps of:

supplying encrypted digital data from a database to a user;
in response to a request by said user to a key control center, supplying a crypt key from
[a] said key control center to said user;
decrypting said encrypted digital data into decrypted digital data using said crypt key;
displaying said decrypted digital data when said user requests to display said digital data;
editing said decrypted digital data when said user requests to edit said digital data;
encrypting said decrypted data again [to be stored] and storing said digital data when said
user requests to store said digital data;
encrypting said decrypted data again [to be copied] and copying said digital data when said
user requests to copy said digital data; and
encrypting said decrypted data again [to be transferred] and transferring said digital data
when said user requests to transfer said digital data.

Please add the following new claims:

~~44~~ 143. (New) The method of claim 95, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits
displaying of the decrypted digital data.

144. (New) The method of claim 95, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits editing of the decrypted digital data.

145. (New) The method of claim 95, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits storing of the decrypted digital data.

146. (New) The method of claim 95, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits copying of the decrypted digital data.

147. (New) The method of claim 95, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits transferring of the decrypted digital data.

148. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits displaying of the decrypted digital data.

149. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said utilization permit key permits/prohibits editing of the decrypted digital data.

150. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said utilization permit key prohibits storing of the decrypted digital data and permits storing of the again encrypted digital data.

151. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said utilization permit key prohibits copying of the decrypted digital data and permits copying of the again encrypted digital data.

152. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said utilization permit key prohibits transferring of the decrypted digital data and permits transferring of the again encrypted digital data.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 95-142 were indicated as pending in the present application. By this amendment, new claims 143-152 were added. Thus, claims 95-152 are now pending. The rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully traversed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph:

At items 9-10 of the Office Action, several claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph. In particular, the Examiner pointed out that claims 95 and 111 each recite a utilization permit key being at least one of several choices, but recite a string of non-conditional operations using every one of the different types of keys. By this amendment, the optional language regarding the permit keys have been removed from claims 95 and 111. Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph should be withdrawn.